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THE
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AND
RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT
THE ANNUAL COUNCIL OF THE HAWAIIAN
NOBLES AND REPRESENTATIVES CON-
VENED ACCORDING TO THE CON-
STITUTION, AT LAHAINA, APRIL,
1843.



LAHAINALUNA.
SEMINARY PRESS.
1843.

**The following are the Laws
and Resolutions passed at
the Annual council of the
Hawaiian Nobles and Repre-
sentatives convened accord-
ing to the constitution, at
Lahaina April 1843.**

§ 1. RESPECTING LEASES OF LANDS.

Whereas, the Treasury Board was instructed to collect and appropriate towards the extinguishment of the public debt all monies arising from the rent of lands, giving to each of the owners of such lands a Government note bearing twelve per cent interest per annum ;

Therefore, be it enacted by the Nobles and Representatives in council assembled, that the Treasury Board deduct ten per cent out of such rents for the purpose of defraying the expense of this agency, and in case of any arrangement for the disposal, by lease, to foreigners, of unoccupied lands, belonging to individuals, the lands shall be measured and leases made out under the direction of the proper officers, and all rents derived therefrom be collected and paid over to the owners of the lands, deducting ten per cent as before mentioned, for the use of government.

§ 2. REDUCTION OF THE LAND TAX.

The reduction of the land tax for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty three, shall be made agreeably to the provisions of the sixteenth section of the third law, and not according to the judgment of the Tax-gatherers.

§ 3. TAX ON DOGS AND CATS.

All dogs and cats shall be subject to an annual tax of one rial per head, payable to the tax-gatherer previously to the first of January of each year; otherwise they must be killed.

§ 4. RESPECTING DIVORCED PERSONS.

All persons divorced previously to the enactment of the tenth law passed Nov. 12th 1840 are permitted to marry.

§ 5. ALTERATION OF THE EIGHT O'CLOCK LAW.

At Honolulu, the time of firing the evening guns shall be altered from half past seven and eight o'clock, to nine o'clock and half past nine.

§ 6. OF PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

From and after the 1st of July 1843, there shall be allowed two licenced public auctioneers in the town of Honolulu, each of whom shall be taxed for said licence the sum of five hundred dollars per annum, said auctioneers shall be entitled to all the privileges of whole sale merchants, and shall in no case be allowed to charge over five per cent commission; and for the pro-

tection of such licenced auctioneers, all others who sell goods at auction without licence shall be fined one thousand dollars for every violation of this law.

§ 7. REGULATION OF TONNAGE DUES.

Tonnage at the harbor of Honolulu shall be reduced to 20 cents per ton on merchant ships, and to 6 cents per ton on all whale ships and merchant ships entering for the purpose of obtaining refreshments only. Other charges as before. A distinction between outward and inner harbors is hereby abolished.

§ 8. RESPECTING WHALE SHIPS.

Whale ships shall hereafter be allowed to barter or sell goods and other articles at any port of these islands for the purpose of procuring refreshments, not to exceed two hundred dollars in value as per original invoice; and on all goods exceeding the above mentioned value of two hundred dollars, they shall pay the customary duties.

§ 9. SHIPS' CLEARANCE.

Ships leaving the port of Lahaina shall be furnished with certificates subject to the same regulations as at the port of Honolulu. [*See port regulations Sec. 8.*]

§ 10. ACTS PASSED SEPT. 12 1842.

Be it known to all men; Whereas, it has been represented to us that the duty on gold and silver exported from the country as by the 10th section of the 48th law will have a tendency to injure commerce, owing to the present deficiency of exports; therefore, we have resolved to remove the said duty, and it is hereby removed.

The following provisions respecting the payment of witnesses having been omitted in the former law, it is required to insert in the 47th Chapter, Sec. 21st line 4th the following words; "and he shall be entitled to receive 25 cents in jury cases, and when brought from another island, fifty cents per day, if a foreigner, and one rial per day, if a native. The jury shall decide on whom this cost shall fall."

KAMEHAMEHA III.
KEKAULUOHI.

All the foregoing laws and amendments of laws having been approved by the Nobles and Representatives in council assembled, will take effect after being communicated to the British Commission, and proclaimed at each of the principal islands, and such portions of the preexisting laws as may be found to be contrary to the spirit of the above, are hereby rendered null and void:

And in confirmation hereof we subscribe our names this twenty eighth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three, at the council house at Luaehu, Lahaina, Maui, Sandwich Islands.

KAMEHAMEHA III.
KEKAULUOHI